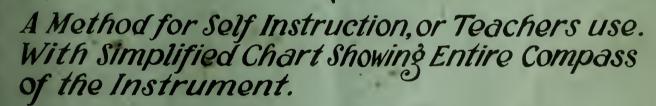


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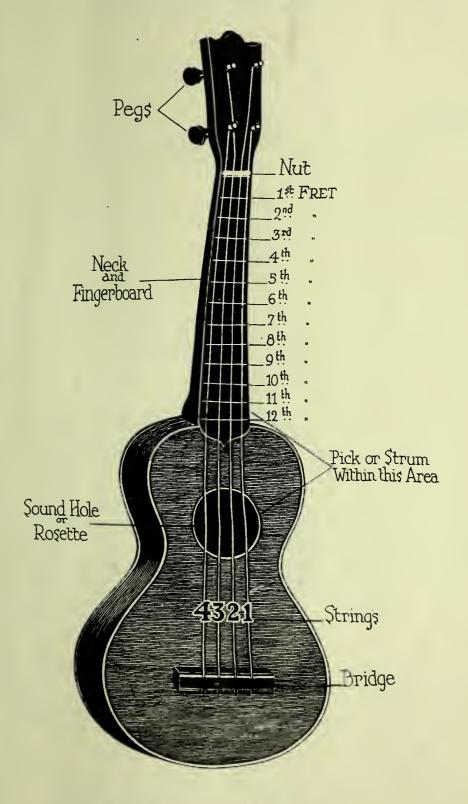
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Rudiments of Music

Musical notation is composed of various signs and characters. The first to be noticed is the staff, consisting of five parallel lines and the spaces between them. On the lines and in the spaces, characters called notes are written to represent the sounds.

The Staff and Notes



Immediately below and above the staff are the following two notes, D and G.



Higher and lower pitches, or sounds, than the above, are represented by short lines called leger or added lines, written above or below the staff.

Leger Lines and Notes



The notes are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet and are employed over and over again; and when written in regular succession, with the first note repeated— after the seventh, a scale of eight notes will be formed; thus: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, A. Any one of the first seven letters may be the first or beginning of a scale; as: C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C.

Treble Clef

The Treble Clef, made thus G, is always placed at the beginning of compositions for this instrument. It establishes the note G, on the second line of the staff and from it, all other notes are determined; either ascending or descending, as in the following example.



The Time Value of the Notes and Rests

The value or duration of the notes and rests are represented by the following characters.

The Different Notes and Rests

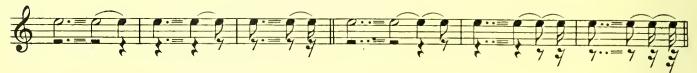


Dotted Notes and Rests

The time value of any note or rest is increased one half when followed by a dot. A second dot adds half the value of the first dot. Rests indicate silence.

Dotted Notes and Rests

and their equivalents



The Tie, placed over or under two or more notes on the same degree, signifies that only the first is sounded and the others heard from its continued vibration: as in the above examples.

The Pause or Hold

Made thus on, when placed over notes or rests, denote that they are to be held beyond their regular time.

Examples of the Pause



Bars - Measure

Bars are perpendicular lines drawn across the staff for the purpose of dividing the notes into measures of equal duration of time. Double Bars denote the end of a part or strain. Dots placed before a double bar indicate that the part is to be repeated.



Table of the Relative Time Value of Notes



Chromatic Signs

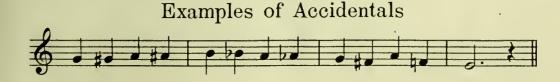
These are the Sharp (\sharp), Flat(\flat), Natural(\natural), Double Sharp (\times), and Double Flat (\flat). A Sharp raises the pitch of a note a half step. A Flat lowers the pitch of a note a half step. A Natural cancels the effect of a previous sharp or flat.

A half step is from one fret to the next.

Sharps or Flats placed at the beginning of the staff, immediately after the clef is called the signature and affects the pitch of all notes of the same name throughout a piece of music, unless temporarily changed by a different sign.

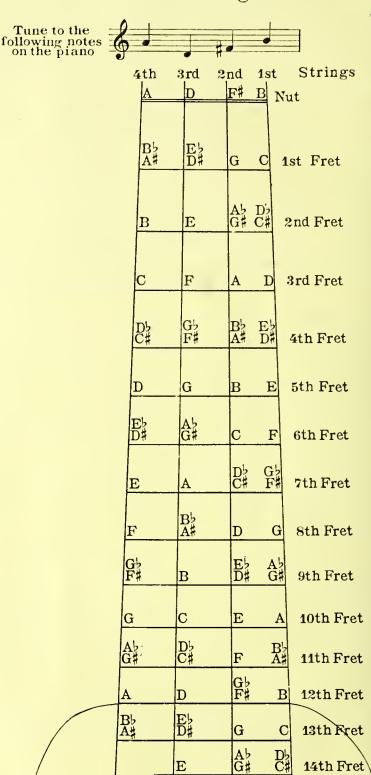
Accidentals

When any of the chromatic signs are placed before notes in the course of a piece of music, they are called accidentals, and affect all notes of the same name, in the same measure, unless contradicted by a different accidental, in which case, the effect of the first accidental ceases. The effect of accidentals do not extend beyond the measure in which they occur.



Double sharps and flats are used as accidentals only. A double sharp (x), raises the pitch of a note a whole step. A double flat (bb) lowers the pitch of a note a whole step. When a double sharp is placed before a note that is already sharp, it raises its pitch another half step. A double flat placed before a note that is already flat, lowers its pitch another half step.

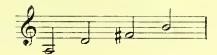
The Ukulele Fingerboard



For the first and fourth strings use a medium Violin"E"string. For the 2nd string use a small guage Violin A string. For the 3rd string use a banjo 4th-silver wound on silk.

15th Fret

D



In this method A is written below the staff. Tune the third string to "D" Then place the 3rd finger on the 4th fret, on the "D" string and tune the 2rd string in unison. This will give you "F#" Then stop the 2rd string at the 3rd fret and tune the 4th string in unison which will be "A" Place the 3rd finger on the 2rd string at the 5th fret and tune the first string so it will sound the same. This note will be "B."

How To Hold The Ukulele or Ukulele-Banjo

The left arm should be thrown well forward, holding the neck of the instrument between the thumb and joint of the forefinger, the tip of the thumb resting on the side next to the A string near the first fret, with the forefinger on the side of the B string. The middle of the right forearm should press the back of the instrument to the body, holding it firmly so that it may be played either standing or sitting.

The Strokes (finger or Felt Pick)

The common strokes are made with the first or index finger, which must be perfectly limp. It must hang downward over the strings using the nail for the down stroke and the cushion for the up stroke. For "Felt Pick" style playing, hold the pick between the thumb and fingers, and play lightly with up and down strokes.

Exercise For Learning The Strokes

The Roll Strokes

The downward roll. A sharp quick flick of the strings with the fingernails and the cushion of the thumb will give the desired tone. It is essential that absolute flexibility of the wrist be attained, and the exercises which follow must be assiduously practiced to bring this about. The downward roll is made by striking the strings with the nails of the 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st fingers respectively and followed by the cushion of the thumb.

Downward Roll (indicated thus -)



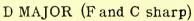
Further examples of the various Jazz and Fox trot strokes are shown in the latter part of this book.

Scales for Ukulele or Ukulele-Banjo

Notes on the A or 4th string are written an octave lower to avoid confusion in reading.



Principal Scale





Chromatic Scale



Exercise For Learning The Notes

In practicing this exercise, the pupil should refer to the above scale until all the notes are memorized.



Hawaiian Waltz

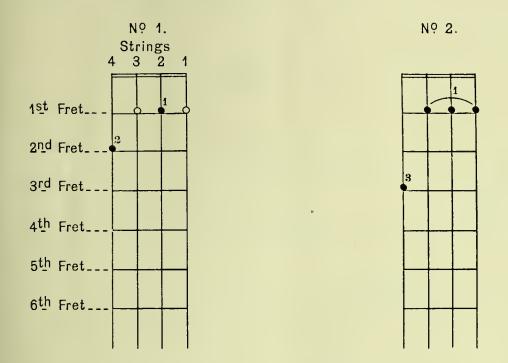




Explanation of the Diagram Chords

The four vertical lines represent the strings of the Ukulele, and the horizontal lines represent the first six frets of the finger-board.

The string on the right is termed the first, and is on the lower end of the finger-board when held in position for playing.



The black dot • indicates where the string is to be stopped, and the numbers indicate the fingers of the left hand. When a string is to be played open (without being touched with fingers of the left hand) the sign is thus o.

In illustration (number 1) the fourth string is stopped at the 2nd- fret, using the 2nd finger. The 3rd string is played open, the 2nd string is stopped at the 1st fret, using the 1st finger, and the 1st string is played open. Always place the fingers behind the frets, not on them.

Illustration (number 2) shows the barre •• in which one finger stops or presses two or more strings.

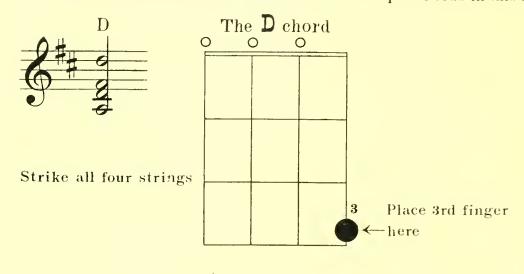
Example; The first, second and third strings are stopped by the first finger at the first fret. The fourth string is stopped by the third finger at the third fret.

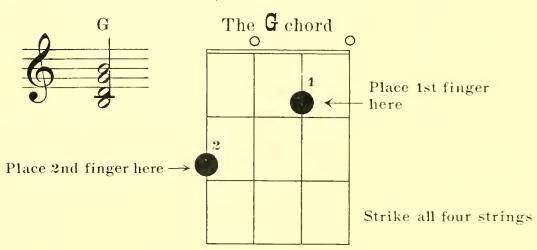


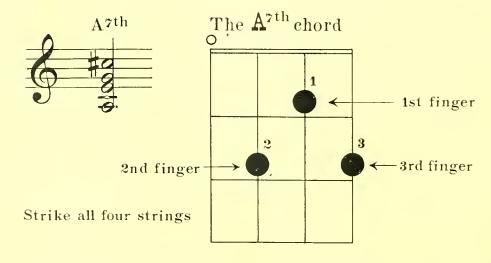
Chords in D major

(Make every Fand C sharp)

We begin with the chords in D, because they are the easiest to play. D, G, and A7th are the names of the three Principal chords in this key.



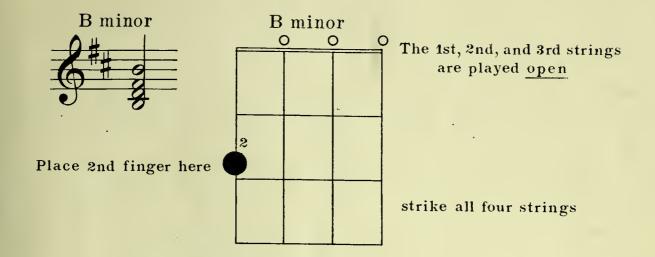


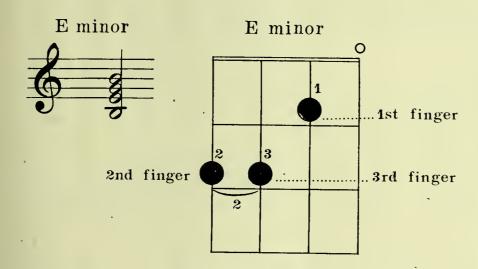


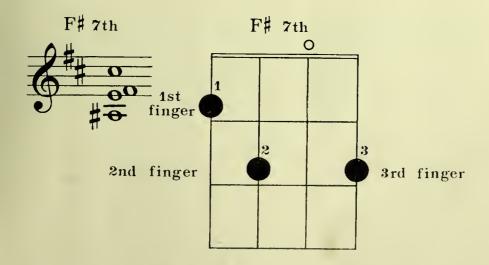
The student should master the above chords before trying the next. "Don't try to learn everything at once"

Chords in B minor (Relative to D major)

Make every F and C sharp







While the following songs and accompaniments are intended for those who read music, they are so arranged as to be of equal value to those who perform entirely by ear.

This is made possible in the following manner; Each chord as it appears in these accompaniments, is not only written in its musical notation, but also labeled with its name or title ___ C, G, D, or whatever the chord may be. If the accompanist is in doubt as to how the chord is played, he need only refer to the pages on which is shown in simple diagram form, every chord correctly named.

Needless to say, the tune or air to these pieces, though written for the voice, may be carried by Violin, Mandolin, or any leading instrument.

Juanita

A letter under a chord gives the name of the chord to be played



Maui Girl

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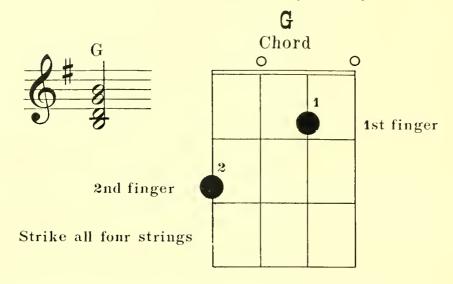






Chords in G major

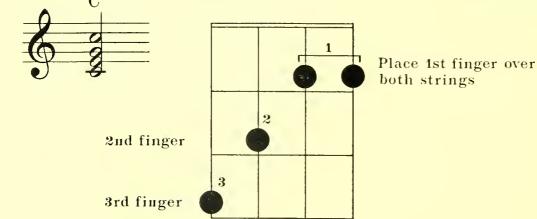
Make every F sharp



C

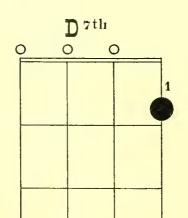
Chord

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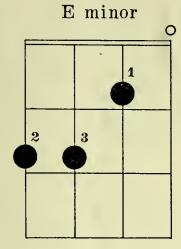


1st finger

Chords in E minor (Relative to G major)

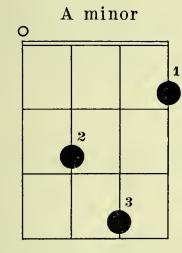
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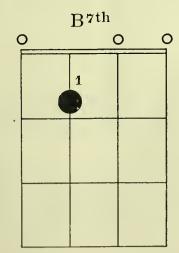
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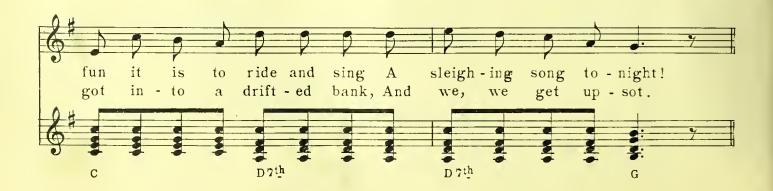
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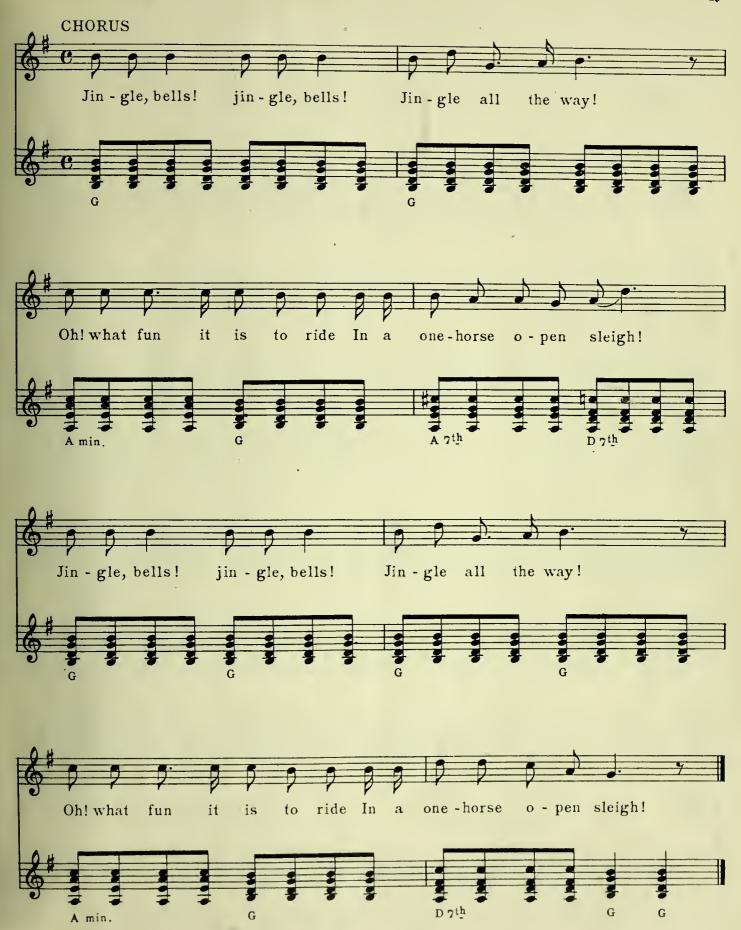
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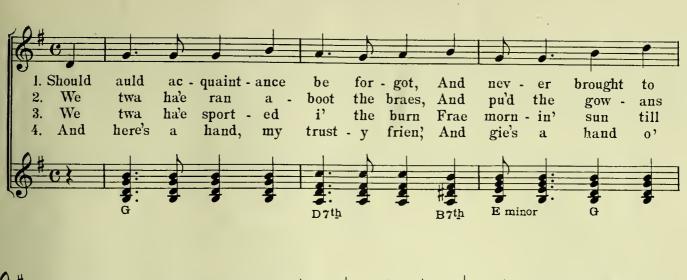


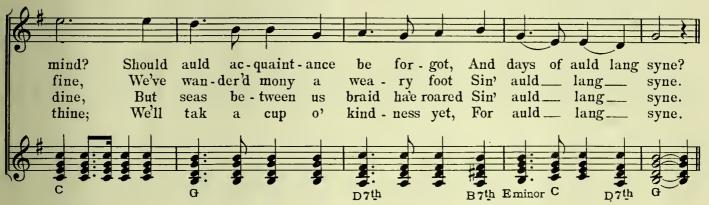


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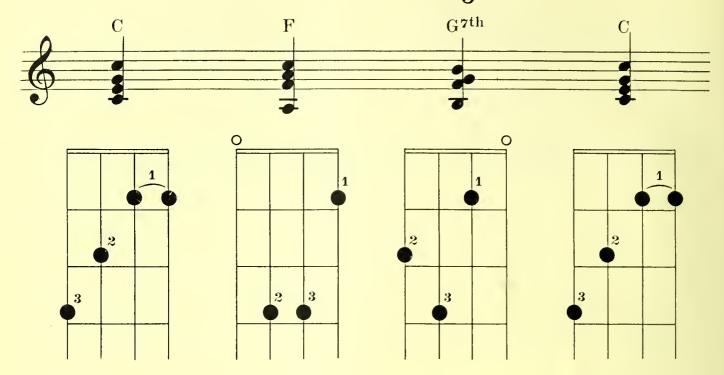




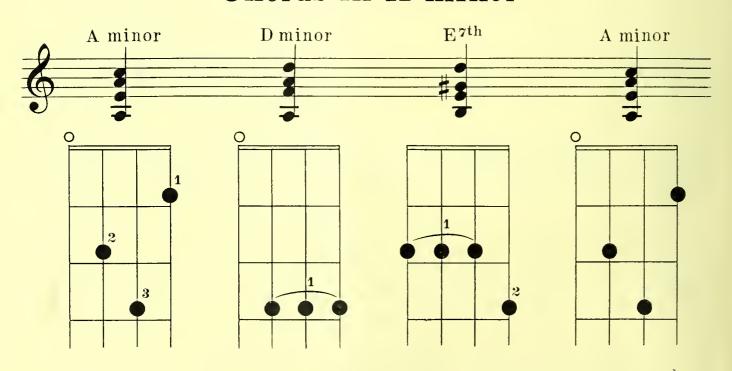




Chords in C major



Chords in A minor

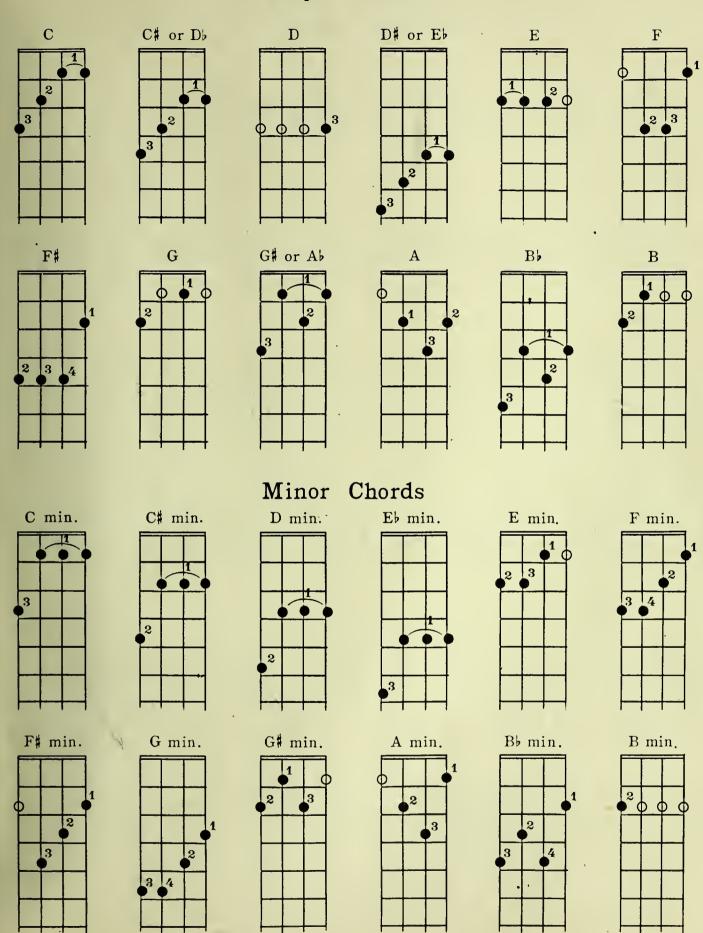


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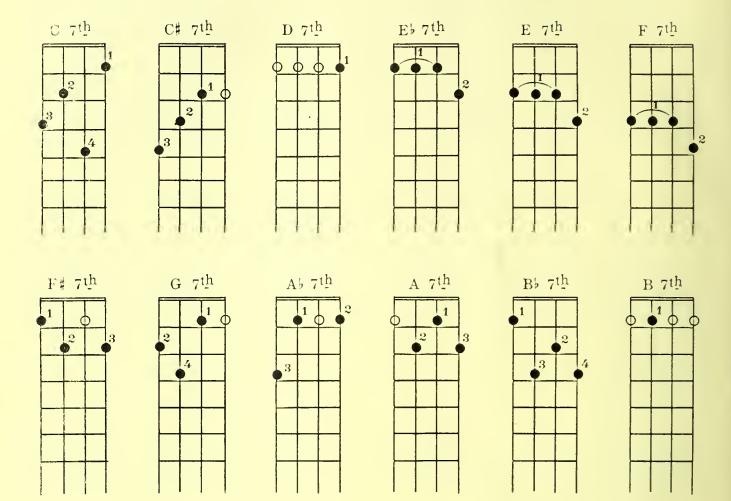


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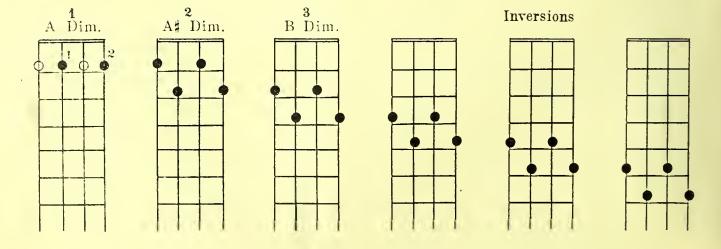




Seventh Chords



Diminished Chords



Various Strokes

for felt pick or finger style playing



My Old Kentucky Home

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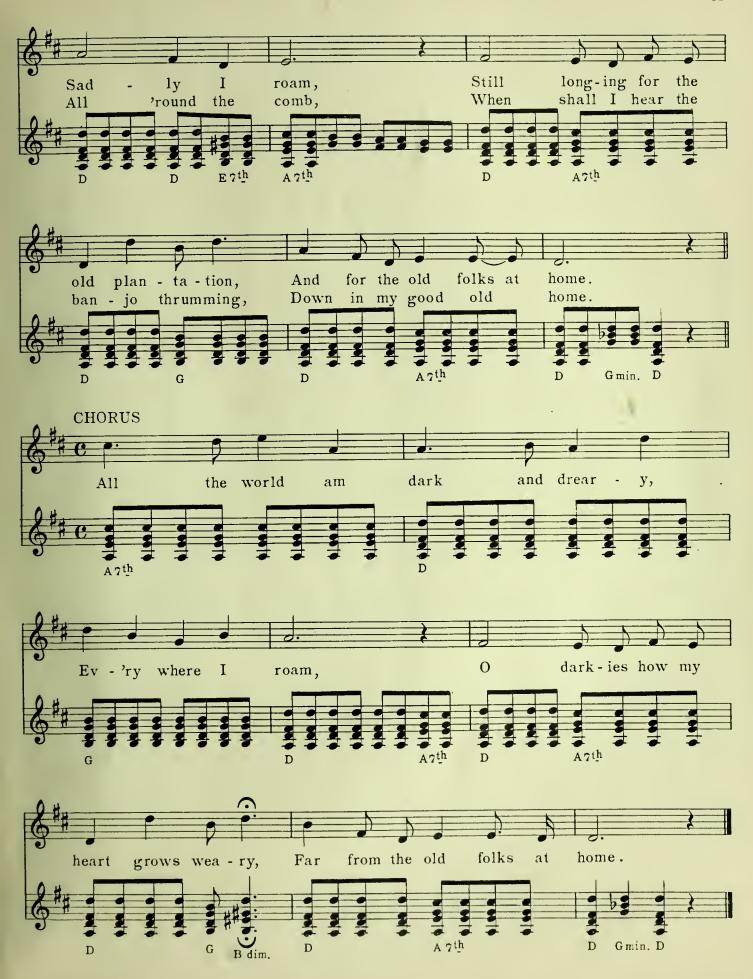
Old Folks At Home

(SUWANEE RIVER)

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A7th



My Bonnie





